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SUBJECT: POLICY 061 – Installation Pet Policy

1. References:

a. Fort Huachuca Regulation 40-116, Control and Care of Pets, Horses, and Transient Animals.

b. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of the Army, subject: Pet Policy for Privatized Housing Under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization 05 January 2009.

2. The following breeds of dogs and crosses of those breeds are prohibited on Fort Huachuca: Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows and wolf hybrids. For the purpose of this policy, these breeds are deemed aggressive or potentially aggressive. This prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct:

- (a) Unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling at people approaching the animal
- (b) Aggressively running along the fence lines when people are present
- (c) Biting or scratching people
- (d) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people

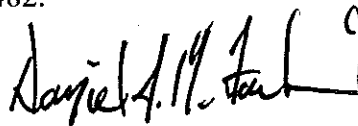
3. These breeds of dogs have been bred for the purpose of aggression and may pose a danger to Soldiers, Families, and visitors to Fort Huachuca. The breeds identified above have a genetic propensity which may lead to unprovoked aggression or attacks. This policy has taken into account the fact that Soldiers and Families become very attached to their pets; however, the safety of everyone on the installation is the primary concern.

4. Under no circumstances will owners or sponsors abandon animals. Abandonment includes failure to claim animals that have been impounded as strays. Personnel who attempt to abandon animals are responsible for all costs until they claim their animals. Unclaimed animals will be kept for 3 working days. After the third working day, the animal is considered abandoned. Abandoned animals become the property of the government and will be disposed of at the discretion of the Installation Veterinarian and the Directorate of Emergency Services.

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5. If a resident who PCS's to another duty station, retires or completes their service obligation and abandons their pet after departing the installation, the military police will be notified and a citation may issued for abandonment of a pet(s). In addition, the service member's gaining command may also be notified and the cost for final disposition of the pet may be levied on the service member.
6. Exceptions to this policy must be requested from the Garrison Commander and should be supported by satisfactory proof that the dog has been professionally trained and is certified by an agency such as the National Association of Service Dogs or similar entity.
7. Enforcement for noncompliance with this policy is as follows:
 - a. Violations of this policy may be reported to post law enforcement.
 - b. This policy is punitive with regards to Soldiers. Violators of paragraphs two (2), three (3), four (4), and five (5) of this policy may be subject to UCMJ punishment. Civilians who violate this policy may also be subject to adverse action or discipline in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
 - c. In addition, violations of this policy could result in the pet owner's on post pet privileges being revoked or the pet owner being barred from the installation.
 - d. Subject to the exceptions contained in paragraphs six (6) of this policy, any animals listed in paragraph two (2) of this policy shall be subject to confiscation and transfer to Veterinary Services or other appropriate agency for proper and humane disposal.
8. This policy will be included in future revisions of Fort Huachuca Regulation 40-116, Control and Care of Pets, Horses, and Transient Animals.
9. This policy supersedes USAG Policy 061 – BANNED DOG BREED POLICY, dated 9 Apr 12.
10. The point of contact for this action is the Veterinary Treatment Facility at 533-5945 or the Directorate of Emergency Services at 533-3482.



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